

Please add the following new claims: ^{6/13}~~5-12~~

⁶~~5~~ (new). An aqueous preservative, containing ammonium tetraformate or any other combination of formic acid and ammonia, having reduced corrosiveness and irritation to skin, containing 0.5-5 weight% glycerol.

⁷~~6~~ (new). The preservative according to claim 5, wherein the preservative contains 0.75-1.5 weight% glycerol.

⁸~~7~~ (new). The preservative according to claim 5, wherein the preservative contains at least one metal corrosion inhibitor and/or antioxidant.

⁹~~8~~ (new). The preservative according to claim 5, wherein the preservative contains cocobetaine or alkyl glycoside as metal corrosion inhibitor.

¹⁰~~9~~ (new). A method of preserving grass, other agricultural crops, fish, fish products or meat products, which comprises applying thereto the aqueous preservative of claim 5.

¹¹~~10~~ (new). A method of preserving grass, other agricultural crops, fish, fish products or meat products, which comprises applying thereto the aqueous preservative of claim 6.

¹²~~11~~ (new). A method of preserving grass, other agricultural crops, fish, fish products or meat products, which comprises applying thereto the aqueous preservative of claim 7.

¹³~~12~~ (new). A method of preserving grass, other agricultural crops, fish, fish products or meat products, which comprises applying thereto the aqueous preservative of claim 8.--